

THE FRIEND OF BROTHER ANDRÉ

United to promote Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal!

Gathering Opportunities

Fifth Anniversary of Canonization

Let us fete

SAINT BROTHER ANDRÉ!

Sunday, October 18, 2015
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Annual Gathering of the Associates of Brother André

Sundays, October 4, 11, 18, 25
(by invitation)

Exhibit in the Oratory Museum

Daily Painting
André Bergeron RCA
until October 12

Concerts on the Beckerath Organ in the Basilica

Sundays at 3:30 PM
Cathedral Music
until October 4

Choirs and Organs in Dialogue
from October 18 to November 15

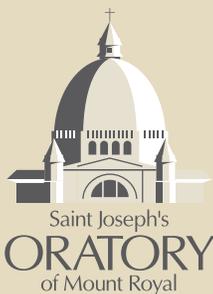
Bach Festival
November 22 and 29

The 19th Journées de la culture

from September 25 to 27
Special events involving the carillon, the organ, and the museum



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Electronic Votive Lamps at the Saint André Bessette Chapel

As they arrive at Saint Joseph's Oratory, pilgrims and visitors are always struck by the beauty of the votive chapel. Its atmosphere promotes silence, recollection and prayer. Many people light votive candles and vigil lamps in honor of Saint Joseph, the shrine's patron. This gesture on the part of pilgrims and the offerings they contribute testify to their desire to remain in prayer, their willingness to continue always under the watchful eye of Saint Joseph and their intention to participate in the Oratory's mission. With this in mind, any number of pilgrims have requested a place where they might light candles and lamps in honor of Saint Brother André. Since his canonization in 2010, the requests have continued to increase.

A place had to be found, but where? The decision was made to use the Saint André Bessette Chapel, which was set up in the east transept of the basilica in 2013, thanks to liturgical appointments acquired from the Grey Nuns of Montreal. A new kind of candle and lamp stand will be installed soon behind the chapel. Saint Joseph's Oratory opted for an electronic system whose tiny, flickering light bulb simulates a flame. This technology was chosen to protect the granite walls and artworks, as well as for safety purposes. When they deposit their offerings, pilgrims will be lighting up a lamp for a period of time equivalent to those in the votive chapel.

The year 2015 marks the fifth anniversary of Brother André's canonization and has been declared the "International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies" by the United Nations General Assembly. What a beautiful occasion to offer pilgrims a place to shine the



Design showing the future shrine just behind the Saint André Bessette chapel, illustrating the new votive lamps beneath an icon written by Sergio Pinecross.

light that keeps them in communion with Saint Brother André throughout the grand basilica. "Let us carry the light, life will burst forth; Let us carry the light, hope will be reborn!" *

Patrick Vézina, CSC

* Adapted from *Portons la lumière*, hymn by M. Dubé, o.p.

Saint Brother André: Five Years after Canonization

In the days following Brother André's canonization, we were happy to learn that a group of merged parishes in New Hampshire chose to place themselves under the patronage of Saint Brother André. A few weeks later, a parish in Oregon took the name "Saint André Bessette". Today, there are Christian communities entrusted to our Saint André in at least five of our neighbouring American states. We can also find parishes and schools in Ontario and New Brunswick who have placed themselves under the protection of Saint Brother André. Currently in Quebec, three merged parishes have chosen him as the patron of their pastoral unit.

Recently, an Italian priest and missionary in Brazil came to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal to obtain a relic and procure a beautiful statue of Saint Brother André for his parish. In the past five years, we have received similar requests from parishes in the Philippines, France and Italy. These communities wish to have a space that is dedicated to our Saint André in their church or chapel. We have therefore seen Saint Brother André become an inspiring figure since his canonization for Christians on all continents. What is Saint Brother André's message for today's Christian communities?

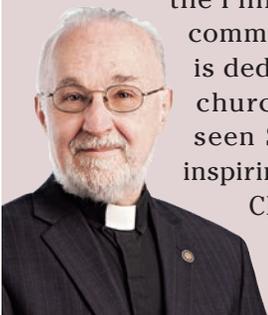


Saint-Frère-André parish in Lanoraie

A message from Silvano Dallan addressed to youth at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Woodbridge, Ontario puts it this way, "As I see it, to become a saint, you need to live a life dedicated to others, not yourself. Brother Andre saw thousands of people in his lifetime, and he tried helping them all. And lastly, you need to live a life with God, deep in faith, devotion and generosity. St. Andre still reminds us of all these things today."

Thank you to all of the friends of Saint Brother André who help make his work known to those around them. We must continue our efforts so that more and more people can take inspiration from this brother, friend and saint.

Father Claude Grou CSC,
Rector

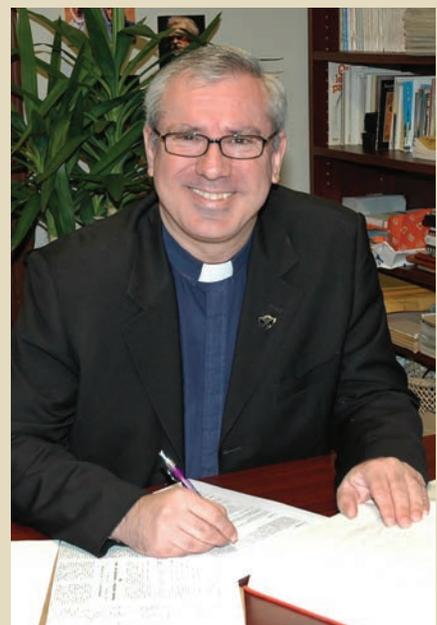


A New Provincial Superior is Elected

Dear Friends, Associates and Grand Associates of Brother André,

As you may have learned this past spring, Father Mario Lachapelle, CSC, was elected Provincial Superior of the Canadian Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross on May 26, during a chapter session of the religious community. Well-known and appreciated by pilgrims to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, Father Lachapelle headed the Associates of Brother André recognition program since 2010; was responsible for the furtherance of devotion to Saint Brother André; and was in charge of the shrine's document resources. From 2004 to 2010, while living in Rome, he held positions as an Assistant General to the Congregation of Holy Cross and vice-postulator of the cause for the canonization of Brother André. On October 18, he will celebrate with us the 5th anniversary of this extraordinary event. Today, however, I would like to thank him, on your behalf as well as on my own behalf, for his dedication to the mission of Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. Let us assure him of our prayers.

Father Claude Grou CSC,
Rector



Father Mario Lachapelle, CSC

A Thoughtful Gift by Way of a Private Foundation

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The testimony from Mr. Aurèle Boileau that appeared in the last issue of *The Friend of Brother André* newsletter generated significant interest from our readers. Many of you wanted to know a little bit more about the benefits of giving by means of a private foundation. I went to speak with Mr. Michel Houle, CPA, CA., Adm.A., CMC, an advisor with Investors Group Financial Services Inc., accompanied by Ms. Lise Tanguay, a donor who was also interested in learning more.
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Claudia Côté – Hello Mr. Houle, and thank you for having us. First, could you tell us what it means to have a private foundation administered by Investors Group, such as Mr. Boileau's foundation?

Michel Houle – Our philanthropic program at Investors Group is for our clients who wish to integrate a well thought-out method of managing continuing charitable donations into their financial plans. When we explain the program to them, they realize that philanthropy is an integral part of a complete financial plan.

C.C. – I see. What are the steps involved?

M.H. The donor must open an account with us, which is called a “donor advised fund”, as part of the program. The donor then deposits capital which will be invested in this fund.

Lise Tanguay – I imagine that a person must have a large fortune to be eligible for the program and in order for it to be advantageous.

M.H. – No, Ms. Tanguay. All it takes is a generous person, just like yourself, who wishes to contribute over a long period to a work that is special to her. You do not need to be wealthy. For example, your initial donation to the foundation could be \$15,000 in capital, accompanied by a commitment to the donation. It is also possible for your initial capital to be constituted by an amount of capital combined with a life insurance policy transferred to the foundation or through a gift-in-kind of marketable securities (stocks, bonds, and units in mutual fund investments).

L.T. – So if I understand correctly, I could transfer certain listed securities that I

hold that have gained value combined with a sum of money, for example?

M.H. – Exactly. You will also receive a receipt for tax purposes wherein the amount equals the fair market value of the gift. There are no capital gains taxes when you make a donation of listed securities.

C.C. – Then, how would Ms. Tanguay be able to contribute to the development of Saint Joseph's Oratory as she wishes and what would happen when she passes away?

M.L. – When we create the account, the client puts it in their name or the name of their family or a loved one or a company or special interest, such as “Charitable account of Ms. Lise Tanguay” or “Tanguay Family Foundation.” We recommend designating a successor who will take over upon your death so that you do not need to add a clause to your will.

Every year, the Foundation will notify Ms. Tanguay of the amount available in her account that can be granted to Saint Joseph's Oratory. In general, you can contribute between 4% and 10% of the capital value annually.

L.T. – Interesting...

M.L. – It is important to remember that the grant must be given to registered Canadian charitable organizations. For example, you can indicate the name of Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal as the charitable organization for the annual grant gift from your foundation both during your lifetime and after your death.

C.C. – What are the advantages of establishing a private foundation of this

type for the donor and for the charitable organization which is the recipient?

M.L. – It is a simple and convenient way to manage charitable donations as well as leave a long-lasting legacy which will live on after your passing. It is a beautiful way to contribute to continuing the work you find special and to transmit your values to future generations.

C.C. – Thank you very much, Mr. Houle, for your thorough explanation. It was very informative!

L.T. – Yes, thank you. I understand better now and I am very interested in the program.

M.L. – Thank you. I will leave you some time to think about the option of a private foundation.

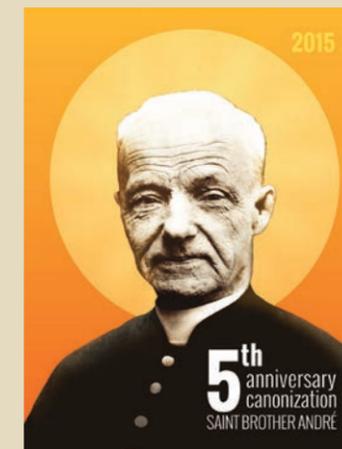
To conclude, here comes an inspiring quote from Winston Churchill: “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

If you would like more information on planned giving, feel free to contact me, without obligation. Have a great time this autumn!



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Fifth Anniversary of Canonization
A friend. A brother. A saint.

Thanksgiving and memories of October 17, 2010.

International influence of Saint Brother André,
a great spiritual figure of our Church and our history.

11 AM

Solemn Mass in the Basilica

2 PM to 3 PM

Veneration of the relic of Saint Brother André
in the Saint André Bessette Chapel

2:30 PM

Carillon recital in honour of Saint Brother André
by Andrée-Anne Doane.

3:30 PM

Widor and Vierne Music for choirs and organs. Concert in
the Basilica with Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal boys'
choir, the Chantres Musiciens men's choir, as well as organists
Vincent Boucher and Jonathan Oldengarm.

Launch of a new CD.



André Charron, CSC

A Special Gesture for the Oratory

Gilberte is a benefactor of Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal as a Grand Associate of Brother André. She wanted to do something special for the Oratory in memory of her mother who passed on her devotion to Saint Joseph and Saint Brother André.

For a long time, she lived near the Oratory which she could admire from her home. Steadfastly, Gilberte would go for walks up to the summit to admire the landscape, nature, the gardens and the architectural heritage of the site.

After giving it some thought, Gilberte contacted me last year to tell me about her plans to make a charitable bequest to the Oratory, and she shared some of her concerns with me.

She planned to revise her will to give a bequest to the Oratory. However, one thing worried her: she had neither children, a loved one nor a friend who could act as the estate executor. She was also concerned about minimizing the costs of liquidating her estate.

The task of the liquidator can prove to be rather complex and full of consequences for someone who does not have much experience with it, since many legal and financial rules must be respected. In addition, if you do not specifically designate a liquidator in your will, the task automatically falls to the designated inheritors. It often happens that inheritors must hire a notary or lawyer to fulfil this function.



As the director of the program of planned giving, I am sometimes named the liquidator of bequests by donors who choose to make a testamentary donation to the Oratory. As a legal expert and having already served as a liquidator, this task is rather simple for me even though it can be time-consuming. Gilberte said that this

was an enormous relief to her since she had been toying with the idea for several months.

As a result, we met last May and she mentioned that she had made progress on her plans. Gilberte celebrated her 93rd birthday in June. Incredible! I couldn't believe what a force of nature she is. Her worries dissipated, we enjoyed a delicious meal together under the beautiful springtime sun. I gave her a Saint Brother André medal, created for the Benefactors Emeriti of Saint Joseph's Oratory. She told me that she has hung it above her bed and that it watches over her.

Thank you, Gilberte, for this generous gesture that shows your desire to preserve our heritage, culture and the mission of Saint Brother André.

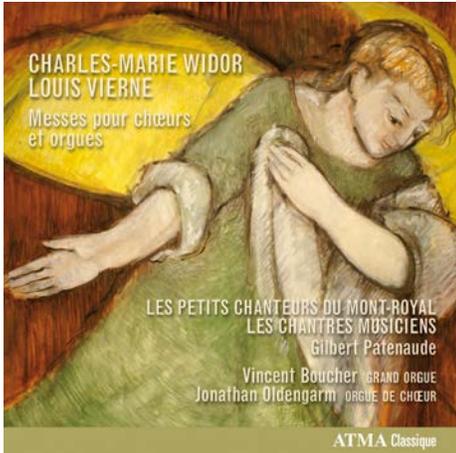
It is always a great honour and pleasure to have the opportunity to thank and to recognize the kind-hearted people who choose to donate to Saint Joseph's Oratory.

Claudia Côté
Director, Planned Giving Program

A Generous Response

A wave of generous gifts flowed into Saint Joseph's Oratory following the appeal sent out in the last *Friend of Brother André* newsletter asking for donations for the renovation of the heating system in the crypt church. The damaged pipes were replaced as well as the heat exchangers and the pumps. The old cast-iron radiators, dating from 1917, are still usable. We repeat our debt of

gratitude for your support of the mission founded by Saint Brother André. We would be remiss if we did not also thank the pilgrims for their patience during the repairs: we were forced to close the crypt church for a time toward the beginning of the summer. Let the cold come on, we're ready for it! You come, too!



A cherished tradition

Once again this year, many artists will present the annual Christmas benefit concert of Saint Joseph's Oratory in the basilica. They will perform on Friday, December 4 at 8 PM, on Saturday, December 5 at 2:30 PM and at 8 PM. Support the shrine and celebrate the Christmas season! Tickets are on sale through the Admission network: www.admission.com



A New CD

A lot of talent is showcased on this new disc presenting Masses for choirs and organs by Charles-Marie Widor and Louis Vierne! Gilbert Patenaude undertakes the musical direction of the Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal boys' choir and the Chantres musiciens men's choir. Vincent Boucher, the titular organist for Saint Joseph's Oratory, accompanies them on the great Beckerath organ in the Basilica, while Jonathan Oldengarm plays the choir organ. This album joins the prestigious catalog of 450 titles on the ATMA Classique label. The disc will be launched in the Oratory Basilica as part of the organ concert on Sunday, October 18 at 3:30 PM.



Our Dearly Departed Ones

Every year, the liturgical calendar invites us pray for all the faithful departed on November 2. At Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, a Mass "in memory of our dearly departed" will be celebrated on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:30 PM. A special invitation is issued to the Associates of Brother André and their families! Let us pray for those dear ones who have gone before us, remembering the words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live." (John 11, 25) The Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal will offer a memorial concert 30 minutes before Mass. All are welcome!



A Gift In Memoriam

Choosing to make a gift in memory of a deceased person is a way of paying homage and of offering one's condolences to the family, while contributing to the continuation of the mission of Saint Brother André.

Make your contribution or find out more at:

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Our brochures are available in many funeral homes. Ask for them there!